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CUBA PASSES

Under the American Flag.

Ceremonies Attending Transfer of the Island.

German Kaiser Subject to Another Monarch

By Associated Press to the Journal.

HAVANA, Jan. 2.—The sovereignty of Cuba passed from Spain to the United States at noon Sunday.

The form of the transfer was simple, consisting of only an exchange of speeches in the saloon of the palace, the hauling down of the Spanish flag and the raising in its stead of the United States on the flagstaff on the palace roof. Salutes were fired from the heavy guns of the forts and the warships before and after the change of flags.

No crowd was permitted to gather in streets in the vicinity of palace to witness the epoch making function. At 9 o'clock, a guard, composed of the Second battalion of the Tenth Infantry, marched into the Plaza de Armas, under command of Captain Van Vleet, and formed around the square. Captain-General Castellanos watched them with interest from the balcony of his apartments as they entered the square and were stationed at all the streets approaching the plaza.

With the guard was the band of the Second Illinois regiment, which had been selected for the occasion as the best band in the Seventh army corps. With the band were the buglers of the Eighth and Tenth Infantry.

The weather was warm, the sun bursting at intervals through the light clouds, and the soldiers in blue, who were forced to stand in the sun, found the heat oppressive. The troops were formed in extended order around the square, three paces apart, and the band was massed in front of the palace entrance across the street. At noon the band of the plaza was playing the Spanish anthem. As the guns at Cabanas fortress ceased firing, there was a breathless pause in the saloon. Everybody knew that the American flag was being raised on the palace by Major Butler, son of General Butler, and that the Stars and Stripes were going up on all the other official staffs in Havana. After this second of silence, the band on the plaza played "The Star Spangled Banner," while the guns of the fleet and fortress began to roar out the national salute of 21 guns.

Immediately Captain-General Castellanos handed the manuscript of his speech to Captain Hart and began to speak. Amid the strains of the band and the noise of the guns it was impossible to hear him. "Close the windows," said some one, and the casements were closed, and the sound of cheering still visibly disturbed the captain-general.

Addressing himself to Major-General Wade, president of the United States military commission, though he seemed to look to the floor, General Castellanos said:

"Gentlemen: In compliance with the treaty of Paris, the agreement of the military commissioners of the island and the orders of my king, at this moment of noon, January 1, 1899, there ceases in Cuba Spanish sovereignty and begins that of the United States. In consequence I declare you in command of the island, with the object that you may exercise it, declaring to you that I will be the first

in respecting it. Peace having been established between our respective governments, I promise you to give all due respect to the United States government and hope that the good relations already existing between our countries will continue until the termination of the evacuation of those under my orders in this territory."

After Captain Hart had translated the address, General Wade said to General Brooke:

"I transfer this command to you."

Major-General Brooke said:

"I accept this great trust in behalf of the government and president of the United States, and (addressing Captain-General Castellanos) I wish you and the gallant gentlemen with you a pleasant return to your native land. May prosperity attend you and all who are with you."

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Daily Telegraph publishes the following from its correspondent at Cayenne, capital of French Guiana:

Today (Sunday) I interviewed the governor of French Guiana, who denied that there had been any modification of the severe treatment of Dreyfus, or that the French government had ordered his return to France. The documents forwarded him by the court of cassation reached him December 23, and his replies will be mailed by the steamer leaving January 3.

BUDAPEST, Jan. 2.—M. Hernakzy, member of the lower chamber of the Hungarian diet, who, in a recent debate, characterized Baron Banffy, the premier, as a "cheat and a traitor," and who had been challenged by the premier to a duel, which failed to come off owing to the inability of their second to agree upon conditions, has issued a challenge to Baron Banffy, and it is expected that the encounter will occur this evening.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—Emperor William, who is confined to his bed by an attack of influenza, was represented at the New Year reception at the palace by Prince Frederik Leopold and the imperial crown prince, Frederick William. The function, which was largely attended, marked the debut of the crown prince.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Daily News, this morning, says it refuses to believe that President McKinley proposes to denounce the treaty of 1817, with reference to warships on the Great Lakes.

20 Per Cent Reduction Sale!

Our big sale is in full swing now and the lines we want to reduce are "reducing." A glance at the following items will show a few of the reductions. There are dozens more, in fact the whole store full, save only rubbers and a few smaller things. Shoes, underwear, wacks, umbrellas, tinware, granite ware, kitchen things, etc., all go.

- 20 per cent cut on underwear
Ladies' 18c fleeced vests or pants, 15c
35c heavy fleeced... 25c
48c lines of 30 per cent wool, gray ribbed... 30c
48c Union suits, fleeced... 30c
68c Union suits... 35c
\$1.00 Union suits... 84c
\$2.20 wool Unions... 1.76
Men's 42c heavy ribbed fleeced... 34c
48c shirts or drawers, very heavy fleeced... 39c
75c heavy ribbed, wool mixed... 68c
\$1.25 lines of pure wool, very heavy 1.00
Boy's and children's lines; all prices from 7c up. Odd lots of all kinds at any price to close. Our underwear trade is a marvel, and the values we give at regular prices are positively without superior in any store anywhere. See for yourself.

- 20 per cent cut on Mackintoshes
Our ladies' \$4.00 half wool Henrietta, double cape, velvet collar... 3.20
Ladies' \$3.00 splendid double cape, cotton Henrietta, velvet collar... 2.40
Men's all wool tricot, with cape, warranted garment... 3.72
Men's fine tricot, all wool coverlet, velvet collar, double texture, box coat... 5.68
Only a few of these plums left. Come soon.

- 20 per cent cut
Handkerchiefs, Corsets, Spreads, Towels, crash, Collars, Cuffs, Ties, Suspenders, Glassware, Flower Pots, etc., etc.
Goods always marked in plain figures and you do your own figuring if you choose.

- 20 per cent cut on shoes
Our ladies' \$2.75 hand turned... 2.20
Vel... 2.20

SLOW NEWS

General Otis Silent at Manila.

No News From Gen. Miller at Iloilo.

Natives Expected to Quiet Down in Near Future.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Nothing has been heard from Otis at Manila since the cablegram yesterday. The situation is irritating, according to the experience of the last few days. It is not to be expected that anything more can be heard from Iloilo for a day or two except in the improbable event that the American force has been repulsed in its efforts to make a landing and obliged to return to Manila.

It is surmised that Gen. Miller is proceeding with more tact and less roughness in his dealings with the insurgents than appeared from the first inspection of reports.

His purpose is apparently to avoid such recognition of insurgents as might tend to embarrass the United States government hereafter, but at the same time not to deal harshly with them if they can be brought to see the rectitude of his intentions. Therefore officials are of opinion that will be no actual hostilities between the forces, but that at worst the insurgents will retire from the city without accepting or rejecting the American overtures until they have heard from Aguinaldo. Although the officials profess a strong belief that no serious trouble will occur, they have taken the precaution to expedite the dispatch of military reinforcements to Otis.

MADRID, Jan. 2.—Gen. Rios, the Spanish commander, cables that he

arrived at Manila, after having completed the evacuation of Visayas and northern part of the island of Mindanao, after blowing up 14 forts and affixing of gunboats on lake Lani.

HAVANA, Jan. 2.—The people of Havana are in a joyful mood today in spite of the disappointment experienced over the fact that the projected festivities have been postponed. The resentment quickly subsided, and gave place to composure.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Glasgow correspondent of the Sportsman, who has interviewed Sir Thomas Lipton, who is building the Shamrock to race for the America's cup, says:

He denied that he had ever said anything which could be construed into a boast that he would win the cup, declaring that such vaingloriousness had never entered his mind. No one, he remarked, knew better than he the many difficulties besetting a challenger for this elusive trophy.

EIGHTY MEN

May Loose Their Lives in a Burning Coal Mine.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

CARLISLE, Ill., Jan. 2.—Early this morning the Tipple and Top works Carlisle coal shaft took fire and burned fiercely. Between 70 and 80 men are in the mines and although desperate efforts being made in their behalf, it is by no means certain that they can be rescued.

An air engine is located near the burning plant and should the fire reach it, there will be no hope of saving the men in the mine.

After heroic efforts on the part of the mine managers and the miners who escaped at the first alarm, the entombed men were all released from their perilous position.

PANA, Ill., Jan. 2.—The reported passing of 1,000 negro miners from Centralia and southern Illinois towns, for the purpose of driving out the negro miners, failed to materialize.

OLD GLORY

Honored in Cuba on New Year's Day.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

HAVANA, Jan. 2.—During a parade of the United States troops yesterday, twenty-five Cuban horsemen, well mounted and armed, joined the column and rode to Central park. They aroused considerable enthusiasm.

Three bluejackets from Texas yesterday rowed to the wreck of the Maine and hoisted the Stars and Stripes to the peak of the wreck. The flag was saluted by all shipping in the harbor.

An immense American flag was also hoisted on top of the spars at the naval dock, where it could be seen for miles around.

DISABLED

The British Steamer Dart in Bad Shape.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

QUEENSTOWN, Jan. 2.—The British steamer Newby reached port today. She reports meeting on December 29 the British steamer Dart, from Philadelphia, with propeller carried away. After towing the disabled steamer an hour, the hawser broke and the Newby was obliged to proceed, owing to heavy weather. A terrible gale was still sweeping the Irish coast.

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W. A. Westcott is in Portland.

Senator Geo. C. Brownell is in this city.

Mrs. J. A. Richardson is visiting in Portland.

Ben and Mrs. G. M. Irwin are in Portland for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Strat have returned from a visit at Albany.

Chester G. Murphy went to Port land today to visit a short time before returning to Stanford.

NEW YEARS

Reception at the White House

A Bugler Announces the Presidential Party.

The French Diplomats Wore Spanish Decorations.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—President McKinley held his first new years reception at the White House today. The decorations of the interior of the stately edifice were entirely floral. The reception took place in the blue parlor.

Shortly after half-past ten o'clock the members of the cabinet with their families began to arrive. Closely following them were the ladies who had been selected to assist Mrs. McKinley in the reception. Following the members of the cabinet, came the ladies invited behind the receiving line. They were for the most part wives of the senators and congressmen. Then came the diplomatic corps, ambassadors, ministers and suites in gorgeous uniforms and decorations characteristic of foreign representation.

There was a notable feature, in the French party, in that on the breast of each showed for the first time at an official function, a superb decoration conferred by the Queen regent of Spain for their service in re-establishing peace. Promptly at 11 o'clock a bugler stationed in the central hall blew a call and the presidential party entered the reception room and greeted the diplomatic body as the band struck up "Hail to the Chief."

The justices of the United States supreme court, who came directly after the diplomatic corps, were the first to pass before the line.

The public reception lasted until 2:30 o'clock when the doors were closed. The two hours of continuous handshaking passed without any unpleasant occurrence. Altogether the reception is regarded as the most auspicious and happy opening of the new year.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—General Otis, at Manila, reports five deaths among American soldiers since December 14.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Theodore B. Roosevelt was inaugurated as governor of New York today.

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MANILA, Jan. 2.—A grave situation is reported from Iloilo, General Miller, commanding the United States troops, is preparing to land forces and it is said the rebels are strengthening their positions, and determined to resist.

Snow Storm at Tacoma. TACOMA, Jan. 2.—Snow fell at intervals all last night and today. It is now over a foot deep on the level. Northwind causes it to drift badly.

The Dipper or the Dropper?

There are cough medicines that are taken as freely as a drink of water from a dipper. They are cheap medicines. Quantity does not make up for quality. It's the quality that cures. There's one medicine that's dropped, not dipped—Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. There's more power in drops of this remedy than in dipperful of cheap cough syrups and elixirs. It cures Bronchitis, Asthma, Croup, Whooping Cough, and all Colds, Coughs, and affections of the Throat and Lungs.

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